

MK-Ferguson s *CAN-DO!* Program Joins EWP

A strategic alliance between MK-Ferguson’s “*CAN-DO!*” program and the Oak Ridge EWP program was recently announced by the Oak Ridge EWP Steering Committee. Team members of the respective efforts have started collaborating on important work control issues and changes have been made to MK-Ferguson promotional materials to reflect the new “*CAN-DO/EWP*” name.

The complementary missions of the two initiatives make the alliance a “natural fit” according to by Lonnie Baldwin, Director-Environment, Safety and Health for MK-Ferguson, and member of the Oak Ridge EWP Steering Committee. “By joining the EWP program, we see a ready means to advance the fundamental goals of *CAN-DO!* which are to increase cooperation and open lines of communication to improve construction project performance in four key areas: Safety, Quality, Cost, & Schedule”.

The alliance of the two initiatives is a “win-win” situation for both MK-Ferguson and the Oak Ridge EWP program. With over 35 *CAN-DO!/EWP* committee members working among the 500 MK-Ferguson employees at Y-12, it is expected that the program will renew efforts to improve safety, efficiencies and quality. While the *CAN-DO!/EWP* program will benefit from a formal tie to the larger EWP efforts both at Oak Ridge and throughout the national DOE Complex (and benefit from the many proven EWP strategies, tools and work products), EWP will gain additional insight into work control issues within the construction/D&D industry-- an area where EWP has not yet established a solid track record.

Throughout the national DOE Complex, the success of EWP programs has often been realized through alliances with other site initiatives with complementary goals. By joining forces, the *CAN-DO!* and EWP programs will once again demonstrate that such partnerships are often the best ways to accomplish mutual goals of improving safety and enhancing work control processes.

SIMILAR GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF EWP & CAN-DO!

ENHANCED WORK PLANNING	CAN-DO!
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Involve workers up-front in planning” • “Foster use of multi-disciplinary project teams” • “Institutionalized communication throughout the organization and Complex” • “Employ a risk-based, graded approach to work control” • “Work to improve the status quo to make the work control process safer, faster, cheaper” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o “By working together, we can accomplish more” • “The project team consists of journeymen, foremen, engineers, safety professionals, and any others who share responsibilities for successful project completion” • “Line supervision must involve individuals performing the work in making decisions” • “Individuals performing the work must help plan the work” • “Each member of the team must continually seek to identify improvements in methods which will result in safer, better, faster, more cost effective construction projects”
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